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E-DOCKET ID No. ORD-2004-0003

Draft Proposed Sampling Program to Determine Extent of World Trade Center

Impacts to the Indoor Environment

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency

ACTION: Notice of Second Extension of Public Comment Period for Draft Proposed Sampling Program to Determine Extent of World Trade Center Impacts to the Indoor Environment.

SUMMARY: On October 21, 2004, EPA published a *Federal Register* notice (69 FR 61838) announcing the availability of the External Review Draft entitled, *Draft Proposed Sampling Program to Determine Extent of World Trade Center Impacts to the Indoor Environment* (EPA/600/R-04/169A), and the beginning of a 30-day public comment period. On November 19, 2004, EPA published a *Federal Register* notice (69 FR 67735) extending the public comment period until January 3, 2005, as requested by members of the Lower Manhattan community and labor organizations who said a 45-day extension was needed for them to formulate their comments. Subsequently a new request for an additional extension was received from members of the Lower Manhattan community and labor organizations; therefore, EPA is now extending

the public comment period until January 18, 2005. EPA will consider the public comment submissions in revising the document.

DATES: The public comment period will end on January 18, 2005. Technical comments should be in writing and must be postmarked by January 18, 2005.

ADDRESSES: The External Review Draft, *Draft Proposed Sampling Program to Determine Extent of World Trade Center Impacts to the Indoor Environment*, is available via the Internet on the web page of the World Trade Center (WTC) Expert Technical Review Panel, <http://www.epa.gov/wtc/panel/>. Comments may be submitted electronically, by mail, by facsimile or by hand delivery/courier. Please follow the detailed instructions as provided in the Supplementary Information section below.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For further information on the draft sampling proposal, please contact Matthew Lorber at (202) 564-3243 or lorber.matthew@epa.gov. For further information regarding the WTC Expert Technical Review Panel, please contact Lisa Matthews at (202) 564-6669 or matthews.lisa@epa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

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